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In re Application of: Gennady Merkulov et al.

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES
ENCODING HUMAN TRANSPORTER
PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

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Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued by Examiner Basi on June 3, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A three-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

In the specification:

Please replace section of "DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE SHEETS" on the second half of page 15 with the section as follows: